

# Sacramento County Human Services Coordinating Council

## Meeting Minutes

August 13, 2015

### Meeting Location

Dept. of Human Assistance  
2700 Fulton Ave  
Sacramento, CA. 95821  
Conference Room 58

**Facilitator:** Addie Ellis – Chair

**Staffed by:** Jerri Thompson

### Meeting Attendees:

- HSCC Members – Melinda Avey, Michael Ballance, Ernie Brown, Tom Campbell, Addie Ellis, Randy Hicks, David Mana-ay, Len Marowitz, Gary McDonald, Danette Rada, Frank L. Topping
- Ex-officio Members and Liaisons – Sherri Z. Heller (DHHS), Mary Behnoud (DHA)
- Guests – Jenny Estrada, LT Todd Henry, Toni Moore, Effie H. Ruggles

### Absent Members:

- Raymond Kemp, Paul Lake (Ex-Officio), Robert Silva Jr., Paul Tanner, Angelina Woodberry

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Topic	Minutes
Call to Order/Introductions	Chair called the meeting to order and introductions were made.
Approval of June 11, 2015 Minutes	Approval of June 11, 2015 Minutes: Randy Hicks moved to approve, Ernie Brown Seconded, Randy Hicks abstained; Minutes Approved.
Chair's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nominations for the 2015 Heroes of Human Services Awards have been received. The awards ceremony will be held October 6. Members were informed donations are needed for the reception and that volunteer opportunities will be available to help with set up.</li> <li>• Ryan Loofbourrow, Executive Director for Sacramento Steps forward is scheduled to present in September.</li> </ul>
Membership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New: Community Seat Member Danette Rada and Disability Advisory Commission representative Randy Hicks were reintroduced and invited to say a few words about themselves.</li> <li>• Departing: David Mana-ay and Gary McDonald were presented with Certificates of Appreciation for their service on the HSCC.</li> </ul>
Special Presentation: Transient Enforcement Detail (T.E.D)	<p>Deputy Paul Pace from the Transient Enforcement Detail (T.E.D) presented. The detail includes himself and just one other officer and they have been covering all the area north of the American river for the last 5 years. There is an excess of 100 calls per day regarding homeless element in the North area. Help is needed to make policy to bring services (Mobil Outreach) out to the homeless "Boots on the ground". Most of the homeless in the North area tell him they will not go downtown to get services because they feel it is too dangerous.</p> <p>Q &amp; A and discussion ensued with the group and Deputy Pace and his supervisor LT Todd Henry.</p>
Department and First 5 Commission Updates	<p><b>Health and Human Services:</b> Sherri Z. Heller highlighted information from the report provided in the meeting packet. Added:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sacramento County's CEO recommended response to the Grand Jury report will be available on the Board Meetings web page the afternoon of Thursday, August 20. There will be time at the Board of Supervisors August 25 meeting for those who wish to testify.</li> <li>• The first of the four mental health crisis residential programs will be located in Rio Linda. Last week some neighbors around the home and members of the CPAC in Rio Linda were invited to be on a tour with Turning Point, the provider, not only to see the facility, but also to tour their existing South Sacramento facility, it was a very positive experience. After the tour, there was a meeting of the CPAC. A representative of Dignity Hospitals came to explain how it will help crises in the emergency rooms. Several consumers (persons with mental illness) shared how much better it is to be in a residential home than to be in the hospital when you don't need to be. It was a very successful first attempt to place one of these residential facilities and a great way to introduce the community to the concept. The Chief of Staff for Supervisor Roberta MacGlashan organized everything. Supervisor MacGlashan wanted her constituents to feel comfortable before the vote.</li> </ul> <p><b>Human Assistance:</b> Mary Behnoud highlighted information from the report provided in the meeting packet.</p> <p><b>First 5 Commission:</b> Toni Moore highlighted information from the report provided in the meeting packet. Added:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The new Executive Director, Julie Gallelo, who will be replacing Toni when she retires after 30 years with the County, will be starting on September 14<sup>th</sup>, providing a three week overlap.</li> </ul>

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Member Advisory Boards & Community Member's Updates	<p><b>Adult and Aging Commission:</b> No report.</p> <p><b>Alcohol and Drug Advisory Board:</b> Melinda Avey provided a report included in the meeting packet. Added:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recovery Happens will take place on Sept 2<sup>nd</sup> from 10am-3pm on the West Steps of the Capitol. Sherri Z. Heller, Director of the Department of Health &amp; Human Services, will be presenting. The Sacramento County Board of Supervisors will be presenting a resolution to the Executive Director of the California Consortium of Addiction Programs and Professionals (CCAP) Sept 25<sup>th</sup>.</li> </ul> <p><b>Children's Coalition:</b> Ernie Brown shared there is no report this month due to the Coalition not meeting in July.</p> <p><b>Disability Advisory Commission:</b> Randy Hicks reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The DAC Programs and Services Access Subcommittee heard a presentation from a representative from Correctional Health Services. He shared the intake forms that their medical staff uses to evaluate the health and functional needs of incoming inmates. He explained how different physical and mental health conditions are addressed and managed and answered questions about reasonable accommodations for people with disabilities.</li> </ul> <p><b>Mental Health Advisory Board:</b> Tom Campbell provided a report included in the meeting packet.</p> <p><b>Public Health Advisory Board:</b> No report.</p>
Announcements	<p>Frank Topping announced:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sept 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm on Cable Channel 17 there will be a production of "Mental Health Matters" by the program director of Wind Youth Services.</li> <li>• Frank is on a new MHSA Steering Committee workgroup that just formed and met for the first time last week. Frank has requested the draft document on forming the proposed MHSA Emergency Crisis Clinic's Massive Expansion (Goal to reduce emergency room visits). The workgroup will continue to meet and will report back to the steering committee, then to the Mental Health Board and finally to the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors.</li> </ul> <p>Randy Hicks announced:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Medi-Care is celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.</li> <li>• Social Security is celebrating its 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on Friday, August 14th; a celebration between 4-6pm will take place at the Federal Building.</li> </ul>
Public Comments	None
Adjournment	Meeting adjourned

- Now that the budget has been adopted, staff are concentrating on implementation plans, including:
  - Hiring staff at the Mental Health Treatment Center so as to increase access to the crisis stabilization unit
  - Placing mental health service navigators at emergency rooms, Loaves & Fishes, County jail
  - 4 managed care firms sent letters of interest to manage specialty care for the new small health care program for undocumented persons, so we will need to do a competitive procurement
  - Detailed work plans being developed for reducing African-American child deaths
- Upcoming *tentative* dates for DHHS items at Board of Supervisors:
  - August 25: Recommended response to Grand Jury report on inadequate mental health crisis services
  - August 25: Approval of contract for first of four mental health crisis residential programs
  - August 25: Recovery Happens resolution (Heller, Seale, client celebrating recovery)
  - September 22: Approval of final FY 2015-16 budget
    - no significant budget changes expected for DHHS
    - includes report-back on current Sacramento County STD data and programs
  - October 6: Heroes of Human Services awards
  - October 27 (afternoon): back-to-back workshops
    - crossover youth : children who are in the dependency and delinquency caseloads
    - update on IV-E Waiver status – financial, caseload, outcome measures
  - November: report on drug abuse patterns in Sacramento County
    - Prevention priorities
    - Impact of Drug Medi-Cal expansion
    - Keys to treatment success
    - Interaction with criminal justice

**Department of Human Assistance  
Report to HSCC**

- Sacramento Steps Forward (SSF) navigators and DHA social workers are working with homeless camps. Both agencies are working to address barriers and obstacles. DHA received \$400,000 in General Fund for Rapid Rehousing which will assist in getting more people housed. Staff will also be working with St. Marks Church who has been receiving a lot of complaints from the community because they work with homeless and provide them assistance. DHA staff will be working with the church to assist them and be present at a meeting with the community Wednesday, August 12, 7:00 pm at Wesley Hall.
- Department received allocation of 1.3 million for CalWORKs Housing Support Program (HSP) from California Department of Social Services. There may be an opportunity in October to receive additional funds. HSP going through the "pause period" until September 1<sup>st</sup>. We are hoping to have the Continuum of Care (Coordinated Entry) processes worked out by September 1<sup>st</sup>. The CalWORKs Bureau Offices and Family Emergency Shelters will serve as portals for homeless families. The participants in HSP will receive training in "Ready to Rent" a curriculum utilized to enhance participants in renting property. The training will involve budgeting, tenant/landlord rights and relationships.
- DHA will work with Community College Foundation on a project that may allow students attending community college participating in Extended Opportunities Program and Services (EOPS) to receive CalFresh while attending community college. Currently, unless a student is working or an employment program for 20 hours a week, they are not eligible for CalFresh. The project if approved would start with Consumnes River College and may expand to other colleges in Los Rios Community College District. The plan will still have to be approved by the Food and Nutrition Services (FNS).
- DHA participated in National Night Out at Jack Davis Park in Oak Park on Tuesday, August 4<sup>th</sup>. There was a great deal of participation from County Departments and the community.
- DHA/DHHS implementing Health Care for Undocumented persons approved by the Board of Supervisors.
- Sacramento (DHA) volunteered for the CalWORKs Oversight Committee for CDSS. Pursuant to the Supplemental Report Language (SRL) to the 2015 budget, the CDSS, in consultation with stakeholders, including counties, advocates, and legislative staff, shall convene an oversight workgroup to assess the emerging effects on CalWORKs recipients, their families, and program administration, of recent policy changes including, but not limited to, those enacted by Chapter 41 of the Statutes of 2012 and Chapter 21 of the Statutes of 2013. The workgroup shall examine the effects of these changes in the context of the experiences of program administrators, advocates, and recipients, as well as available data on caseload and welfare-to-work participation trends, such as the rate of adults removed from the aided unit pursuant to Section 11327.5 and subdivision (f) of Section 11322.85 of the Welfare and Institutions Code.
- DHA/DHHS continue to work with the Strategic Implementation Team (SIT) for the Reduction in African American Child Deaths (RAACD) Steering Committee. The Steering Committee reported to the Board of Supervisors during budget hearings and received 1.5 million for the next five year to reduce the rate of African American Child Deaths. The Implementation Team will make an update to the Board in September.

**FIRST 5 SACRAMENTO COMMISSION**  
**Human Services Coordinating Council**  
**August 13, 2015**

**HIGHLIGHTS OF LAST COMMISSION MEETING – August 3, 2015**

1. Approval of the Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2015-16 - \$28.2 million
2. Approval of revised fiscal policies
3. Approval of new Executive Director – Julie Gallelo
4. Appointment of new Advisory Committee member – Dominic Ruffin as Foster Care Representative

**HIGHLIGHTS OF UPCOMING MEETING – October 5, 2015**

1. Adoption of Annual Report and Audit for Fiscal Year 2014-15
2. Presentation by SCOE on “Raising Quality Together”
3. Approval of 2016 meeting calendar
4. Approval of 2016 Vice-Chair

**OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST**

1. The Alternate Commissioner vacancy behind Dr. Jones remains open.
2. Cheryl Rookwood has been replaced by Lisa Lim-Furukawa as Clerk of the Commission.

**SACRAMENTO COUNTY ALCOHOL AND DRUG ADVISORY BOARD**  
***Monthly Update For August 13, 2015 HSCC Meeting***

The Board is developing input to ADS on their training the Board of Supervisors this Fall (on substance abuse patterns, gaps in service, and defining "recovery").

Harm reduction services is another area of interest, having heard presentations on two approaches to needle exchange (in the cities of Sacramento and San Diego).

A County Prevention Coalition is being formed, and the Board's Prevention and Education Committee wants to link with it.

**County Of Sacramento -- Disability Advisory Commission  
Report to Human Services Coordinating Council  
For August 13th, 2015 HSCC Meeting submitted by Frank Topping**

The Disability Advisory Commission Main Meeting didn't meet in July

On August 4th the DAC Main Meeting substantially consisted of a Report Back by AFN/CAG Core Team members Cheryl Bennett & Frank Topping on a review we participated in on access considerations for the Office of Emergency Services' Donation Management Plan at SacCo OES.

David Mana-ay was awarded a certificate for exemplary long DAC service.

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**County Of Sacramento -- Office of Emergency Services  
Access & Functional Needs Coordination Advisory Group  
Report to Human Services Coordinating Council  
For August 13th, 2015 HSCC Meeting submitted by Frank Topping**

July 7th

AFN/CAG Core Team members Cheryl Bennett & Frank Topping

Participated in a review of access considerations for the Sacramento County Office of Emergency Services' Donation Management Plan at SacCo OES and helped with refinement suggestions and a correction.

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Note of interest: September 5th, 7pm, Cable Ch. 17, Mental Health Matters

An "over the top" production featuring Wind Youth Services -- Don't miss!!!

Sacramento County Mental Health Board  
Monthly Activity Report to the Sacramento County Human Services Coordinating Council

August 2015

Grand jury report

The Sacramento County Grand Jury in June released a report highly critical of Sacramento County's public mental health system. The grand jury's concerns centered on the budget reductions for crisis mental health services since 2009. The report attributed several negative performance measures to the reduction in crisis services (suicide rate, emergency room usage, etc.). The report also argued that these budget actions only shifted the costs of providing crisis services onto private hospitals and law enforcement.

The County anticipates responding to the grand jury in September or October. The Mental Health Board (MHB) is currently deliberating how it might respond to the grand jury.

Mental health system "rebalance."

Since the beginning of 2015, the County is undergoing negotiations with the private hospitals to expand crisis services and other outpatient mental health services to reduce inpatient hospitalization rates. The MHB receives monthly briefings on the status of these negotiations. The MHB has submitted a letter to the Board of Supervisors outlining its priorities for these negotiations and urging consideration of the perspective of consumers and family members and the public interest.

The County was recently awarded a grant from the California Health Facilities Financing Authority for the development of three crisis residential facilities, a key part of the mental health system "rebalance." The MHB has delegated a member to serve on the committee established to advise on the siting of these facilities.

Membership

The MHB currently has 11 of its 16 member slots filled, which reflects the recent appointment of one new family member and one new consumer. The Board of Supervisors has received three membership applications, one for each of the unfilled family member slots. If these applications are appointed, the MHB would have one consumer and one public interest vacancy.

Executive committee

The MHB Executive Committee meets as needed, approximately every other month. Under the recently approved bylaw amendments, the Executive Committee meets to set the agenda and take emergency action as needed, subject to full Board review. The Executive Committee has not yet taken any emergency actions. However, its agenda-setting function has brought more transparency to the decisions about what issues are considered by the full MHB.

Data projects

The MHB recently completed the Data Notebook project administered by the California Mental Health Planning Council. This project required the MHB to cooperate with County staff and the Alcohol and Drug Advisory Board in compiling data, publicly setting policy priorities, and communicating those matters to the state. The Data Notebook project provided a good introduction for the MHB to the County staff and resources related to performance measurement. The MHB has been deliberating options for using these resources to write a report to the Board of Supervisors on the county's performance, as required by law.